

Are You a Youth Friendly Parish?

An Assessment Tool for Parish Leadership

“Youth Ministry” is more than just a High School Youth Group. It’s a broad based approach to how you engage young people into the active participation, life and community of your parish.

For each statement below, circle one of the options:

This needs growth - This statement does not currently describe your parish and that this area needs to grow.

We try to do this - We are making efforts to make this statement true about your parish, but there is still more work to do.

We do this well - This statement describes your parish at this time

Members of our parish know and value youth in our parish community.

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

Youth are involved throughout parish life.

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

Youth are involved in leadership and decision making in our parish (Pastoral Council, etc.)

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

We provide a variety of ways for youth to grow deeper in their faith.

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

We provide a variety of avenues (CYO Sports, Altar Servers, Music, Scouting, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, etc.) that connect youth to the parish.

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

We deliver ministry through a variety of non gathered ways to connect youth to the parish.

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

We consider and involve youth when planning for parish life.

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

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We provide for an intentional way of engaging young people online (e.g., website, social media, etc.)

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

We promote a culture of welcome and inclusion for young people in the parish.

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

We provide encounters with Christ for our young people.

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

We connect with families of young people in the parish.

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

We provide pastoral care and outreach for youth and their families.

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

We acknowledge, affirm and appreciate young people's perspectives and their contributions in the parish.

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

We pray for young people and their families in the parish.

This needs growth

We try to do this

We do this well

Comments

Areas of Strength

Areas to Grow